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TITLE OF INVENTION: CONNECTING DEVICE

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ATTENTION: EO/US

1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. ' ' 1.8(a) and 1.10*
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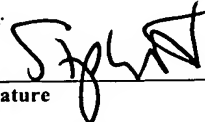
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Date:

3 APRIL 2002

Signature

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* Only the date of filing (' 1.6) will be the date used in a patent term adjustment calculation, although the date on any certificate of mailing or transmission under ' 1.8 continues to be taken into account in determining timeliness. See ' 1.703(f). Consider "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" (' 1.10) or facsimile transmission (' 1.6(d)) for the reply to be accorded the earliest possible filing date for patent term adjustment calculations.

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- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	39 -20 =	19	x \$18.00 =	\$342.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2 - 3 =	0	x \$84.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$280.00	\$0.00
BASIC FEE	U.S. PTO WAS NOT INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION AUTHORITY Where no international preliminary examination fee as set forth in § 1.482 has been paid to the U.S. PTO, and payment of an international search fee as set forth in Section 1.445(a)(2) to the U.S. PTO: where a search report on the international application has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japanese Patent Office (37 C.F.R. § 1.492(a)(5))\$890.00				\$890.00
	Total of above Calculations				= \$1,232.00
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Assertion must be made. (note 37 C.F.R. § 1.27)				- \$0.00
	Subtotal				\$1,232.00
	Total National Fee				\$1,232.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). See Item 13 below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".				\$0.00

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TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed	\$1,232.00

Attached is a check in the amount of \$1,232.00.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.

Date of mailing of the application (from form PCT/IB/308): Not Known

4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.
5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been transmitted. Applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.

Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): 22 January 2001.

6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.
7. A copy of the international examination report (PCT/IPEA/409) Transmitted herewith
8. Annex(es) to the international preliminary examination report is/are transmitted herewith.
9. A translation of the annexes to the international preliminary examination report is not required as the annexes are in the English language.
10. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration identifies the application and any amendments under PCT Article 19 that were transmitted as stated in points 3(b) or 3(c) and 5(b); and states that they were reviewed by the inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.70.

II. Other document(s) or information included:

11. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.
12. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 will be transmitted within THREE MONTHS of the date of submission of requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c).

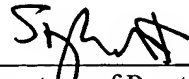
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13. Additional documents:
- a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
 - b. International Publication No: 01/25651
 - i. Front page only
 - c. Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
 - d. Two (2) Notifications of Recording of Change, Form PCT/IB/306.
14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

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